



**Pacific Northwest Region
Malheur National Forest**
541-575-3000
www.fs.usda.gov/malheur

News Release

Karen Roganov 541-575-3144
Shilo Burton 541-575-3008

July 22, 2015

Returning weather trends prompt increase in IFPL and Public Use Restrictions



II

JOHN DAY, OR – Due to the returning increasingly fire-prone conditions, both the North and South Zones of the Malheur National Forest will return to a **HIGH Fire Danger Rating, Industrial Fire Precaution Level (IFPL) II, and Phase A Public Use Restrictions beginning at 0001 hours on Saturday, July 25, 2015.**

IFPL II and Phase A of Public Use Restrictions initiate the following:

- **Seasonal Campfire Restrictions and requirements described for June 1st-October 31st:**
 - a. **Campfires allowed only in fire pits surrounded by dirt, rock, or commercial rings** and in areas not conducive to rapid fire spread, at a minimum clear of all flammable material within a radius of 3 feet from the edge of the pit and free of overhanging material. Use existing pits wherever possible.
 1. Campfires must be attended at all times, and completely extinguished prior to leaving.
 2. Persons with campfires are required to have a tool that can serve as a shovel and one gallon of water in their possession (except in specified developed recreation sites). The intent of this requirement is to ensure individuals with a campfire have the tools necessary to completely extinguish their campfire per “1” above.
 3. Portable cooking stoves using liquefied or bottled gas and wood burning stoves, equipped with a chimney that is at least five (5) feet in length with a spark-arresting screen consisting of ¼ inch mesh hardware cloth are allowed.
 4. Use of charcoal briquettes is permitted under the same restrictions as campfires as described above.Within designated wilderness areas users are encouraged to locate fires such that minimal disturbance would be necessary to meet the clearing requirements identified. Naturally cleared areas, previously used sites, and areas where vegetation is non-flammable (green grass) are examples. Possession of a typical backpacking folding shovel (commercially available) meets the intent of a tool as described in item “2” above.
- **Chainsaws, power saws, cable yarding, blasting, and welding may be operated only between the hours of 8 p.m. and 1 p.m. local time.** A one hour fire watch is required after saw operations cease. Saw operators are required to have an axe (minimum 2 lb. head, 26” length), shovel (8” wide, 26” length), and fire extinguisher (minimum ABC 8 oz.) in their possession.
- **Smoking allowed only in enclosed vehicles and buildings, developed recreation sites, or cleared areas.**



for the greatest good

NEWS RELEASE

(continued)

- **No off-road/off-trail vehicle travel or travel on roads not cleared of standing grass or other flammable material;** no vehicle travel on those FS roads where access has been impeded or blocked by earthen berm, logs, boulders, barrier, barricade or gate, or as otherwise identified in the Fire Order.

Hot, dry summer weather and depleting fuel moisture will continue. Visitors should use extreme caution when recreating outdoors this time of year.

For more information on the Malheur National Forest, please call 541-575-3000 or visit us at www.fs.usda.gov/malheur. Please be sure to follow [U.S. Forest Service- Malheur National Forest](#) on Facebook and [@MalheurNF](#) on Twitter for all the latest forest news.

To report a fire, contact the John Day Interagency Dispatch Center at 541-575-1321, or Burns Interagency Communication Center at 541-573-1000.

###